Pending water projects from Punjab

†2265. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some water projects of the Punjab are pending for approval with Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when, pending water projects of the State are likely to be cleared in the current year; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Out of 8 irrigation projects (6 major and 2 medium) received from the Government of Punjab, 6 projects (5 major and 1 medium) are under various stages of appraisal and remaining 2 projects (1 major and 1 medium) have been accepted by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources subject to compliance of certain observations. The details of these 8 projects are in the Statement enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) The time taken for investment clearance of projects depends upon the promptness with which the State Government arrange satisfactory compliance to the observations of Central appraising agencies.

(c) Irrigation is a state subject and the projects are investigated, planned, formulated, executed and funded by the State Governments themselves out of their own resources as per their priorties.

Statement

Status of new water projects of Punjab under appraisal

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Major/ Medium	River/ Basin	District Benefitted	Date of Receipt	Benefits (Thousand hectare)	Estt. Cost (Rs. Crore)	Status
1.	Punjab Irrigation & Drainage Project (Phase III)	Major	Ravi/ Beas/ Sutlej /Ghaggar	All districts of Punjab	5/98	2108.91	1149.00	A

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Major/ Medium	River/ Basin	District Benefitted	Date of Receipt	Benefits (Thousand hectare)	Estt. Cost (Rs. Crore)	Status
2.	Sri Dashmesh Irrigation Project	Major	Anandpur Hydel Channel	Patiala	2/2001	130.00	647	A
3.	Raising lining of Bhakra Main Canal	Major	Sutlej	-	3/02	-	26.69	A
4.	Modified Project estimate of SYL canal Part-III	Major	Sutlej	Ropar Patiala	6/94	130.00	195.44	A
5.	Rehabilitation 1st Patiala feeder and Kotla Branch	Major	Sutlej/ Beas	Ludhiana, Sangrur, Barnala	11/05	265.49	108.56	A
6.	SYL Main Canal Part-I	Major	Sutlej Yamuna	Carrier Channel	09/94	-	601.25	B
7.		Medium	Ferozpur Feeder	Ferozpur	5/2001	-	13.7543	A
8.	Raising of Lining/Bank of Sirhind Feeder	Medium	Ravi	Gurdaspur, Amritsar & Patiala	2/2000	8.330	49.02	B

A- Project under various stages of appraisal.
B- Accepted by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources subject to certain observations.

Development of ground water

2266. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Ground Water Authority is responsible for regulation and control of ground water development and its management; and

(b) whether the Authority has assessed the lowering of ground water level in various places in the country its causes and the measures needed for improving the level of ground water particularly in water scarce areas?